

Alabama Medicaid ICD-10 Frequently Asked Questions

Category: Implementation

Q: When is the ICD-10 Implementation date?

A: Alabama Medicaid will be complying with the CMS mandated implementation date of October 1, 2014.

Q: On your website you stated that you may implement ICD-10 as early as October 1, 2013. Does that mean you will be requiring ICD-10 codes on all 837P claims with DOS on and after that date?

A: No. Alabama Medicaid will not require the submission of ICD-10 codes until the CMS mandate date of October 1, 2014.

Q: Will there be a grace period after the ICD-10 implementation date of October 1, 2014 to allow for dual processing?

A: Alabama Medicaid will continue to follow the directions provided by CMS which is to fully implement by October 1, 2014 without a grace period.

Q: Will other payers be ready to implement at the same time as Alabama Medicaid?

A: The ICD-10 implementation date is a CMS federal mandate and all health plans must comply with the October 1, 2014 implementation date.

Q: Will the Alabama Medicaid Agency's Provider Electronic Solutions software be ready and available for ICD-10?

A: Although ICD-10 codes should not be billed until October 1, 2014, the Alabama Medicaid Agency's ICD-10 version of the Provider Electronic Solutions software is available now for download. Version 3.02 is ICD-10 ready.

- Alabama Medicaid Provider Electronic Solutions Software
http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/6.0_Providers/6.10_Provider_Electronic_Solutions.aspx

Q: Will the Alabama Medicaid Agency's Provider Web Portal be updated and available for ICD-10?

A: The current Provider Web Portal will be updated for ICD-10 and available by the ICD-10 implementation date of October 1, 2014.

- Alabama Medicaid Provider Web Portal
<https://www.medicaid.alabamaservices.org/ALPortal/default.aspx>

Q: Will paper claim forms be updated with ICD-10?

A: Yes. The 340B (Medical Crossover Form) will be updated along with ICD-10, and a new form, the TPL Attachment, will be implemented at the same time to be used with all forms. The new CMS-1500 02/12 form will be implemented January 2014. Alabama Medicaid will follow CMS' direction allowing for dual processing of the old and new CMS-1500 forms from January 6, 2014 through March 31, 2014. We will require the use of the new form beginning April 1, 2014. More information on this will be available in the October 2013 Provider Insider and a subsequent Provider Alert.